

OGC 77-3059

10 May 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer/DDA

FROM :

Office of General Counsel

SUBJECT :

Assistance to Other Agencies

1. I believe I have clarified the problem you raised this morning regarding the interplay of [ ] Annex E thereto, the General Counsel's memorandum of 22 February 1977, and the DDA submissions approved by OGC on 21 March 1977.

2. Annex E of [ ] does require that "every request for initiation or continuation of assistance to other government components," with certain exceptions, be reported to the appropriate Deputy Director or Head of Independent Office for approval. The General Counsel's memorandum of 22 February 1977, was intended merely to restate, not modify, the policy and procedure of [ ] and to clear up any existing confusion in that regard. As is stated in paragraph 3 of that memorandum, [ ] provides that the Deputy Director may approve all requests for initiation or continuation of assistance when the resulting relationship is compatible with practices previously established as legal and proper and involves no policy or resource implications, without IG or OGC concurrence.

3. As I understand the purpose of the submissions by various DDA offices, which this Office approved on 21 March 1977, it was to inform the DDA of the types of assistance which are compatible with practices identified previously as legal and proper and involving no policy or resource implications and to obtain general DDA and OGC approval for assistance of that nature. This process represents the requisite DDA approval for continuation of these categories of assistance. Requests for assistance of a nature different from those approved in this manner continue to require DDA approval before initiation, except as excluded by [ ] and, in certain cases, OGC and IG concurrence.

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